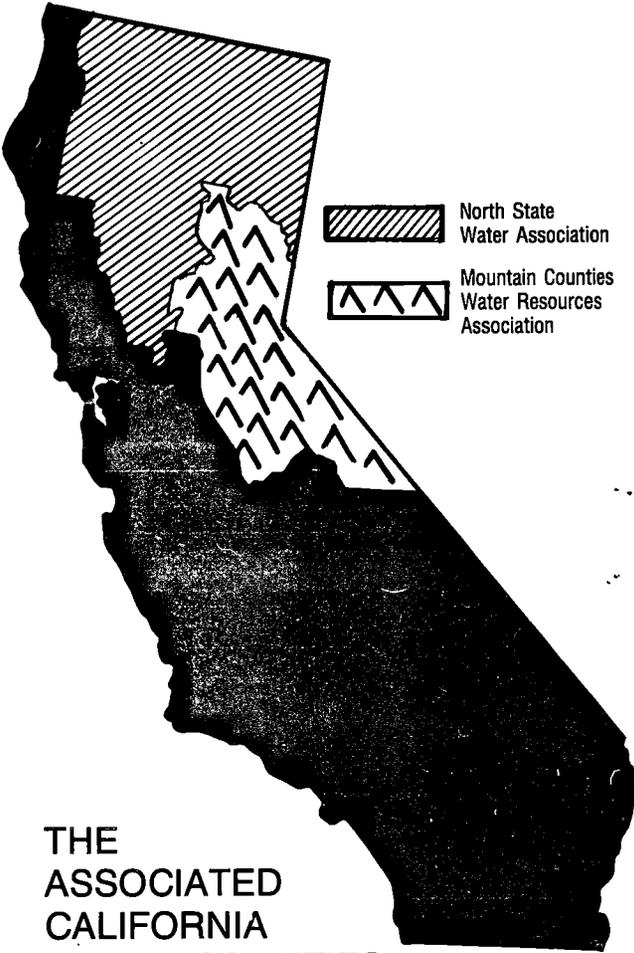


# CASCADE-SIERRA WATER COUNCIL

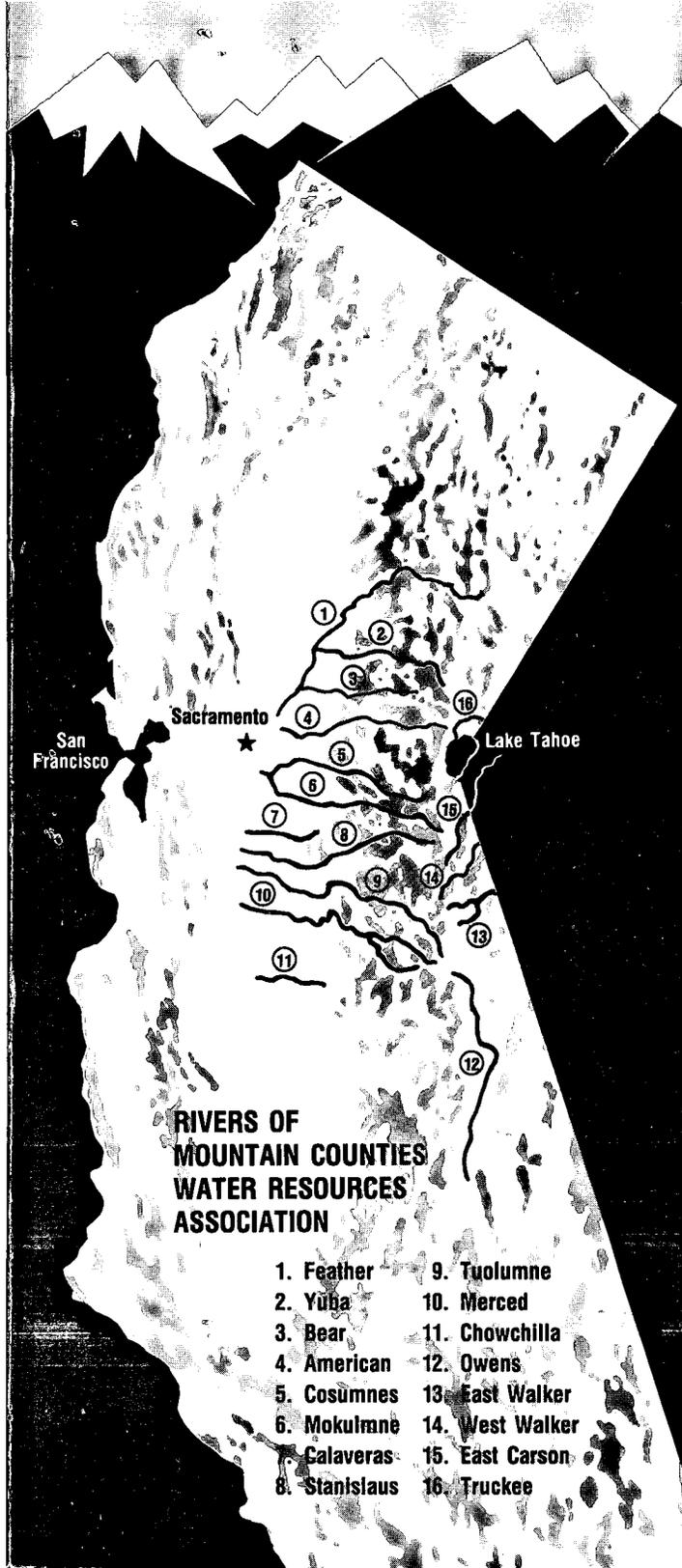


 North State Water Association  
 Mountain Counties Water Resources Association

## THE ASSOCIATED CALIFORNIA WATER COUNTIES

Now united in a separate organization representing the 21 counties that supply more than half of California's water, MCWRA and North State Water Association form the Cascade-Sierra Water Council.

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### RIVERS OF MOUNTAIN COUNTIES WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

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| 1. Feather    | 9. Tuolumne     |
| 2. Yuba       | 10. Merced      |
| 3. Bear       | 11. Chowchilla  |
| 4. American   | 12. Owens       |
| 5. Cosumnes   | 13. East Walker |
| 6. Mokelumne  | 14. West Walker |
| 7. Calaveras  | 15. East Carson |
| 8. Stanislaus | 16. Truckee     |

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*"Protecting Our Resources"*

## Goals & Purposes

Long sparsely settled and still semi-rural, our mountain counties have recently experienced a population explosion and are now among the fastest growing in the State. It is of statewide interest, as well as of local necessity, to meet the current demands and prepare for the future water needs of this region.

As the counties-of-origin of so much of California's water, we recognize the essential need for aggressive pursuit of our diminishing water supplies for use in our own areas. It is the Goal of our county governments, water agencies, and water districts, to initiate developments within our boundaries which will supply our needs, and will also make water surplus to those needs available to other areas downstream.

The Purpose of the Association is to assist and support its member counties in this all-important endeavor. The Association seeks to place before other water interests throughout the State a clear picture of the member counties' needs, problems, possible solutions, and our willingness to cooperate in achieving a fair and equitable distribution of the State's waters and resulting benefits.

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## MCWRA Membership

### EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

Open to all Counties, Public Agencies, and Districts which are located in the Central Region of the Sierras and are involved with water development for their areas. Applications must be approved by Executive Membership, and acceptance entitles the Member one voting Representative and one Alternate chosen by its elected Board.

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP:

This category is open to any public or private District, Agency, or Organization created and operated for production and/or use of water and power within the boundaries of this Association. Acceptance to General Membership authorizes participation in Association activities and Counsels, but without voting privileges.

### ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:

Open to private agencies, corporations, associations, organizations or individuals upon written application, approval of the Executive Membership, and payment of required dues. Authorizes participation in Association activities without being entitled to a vote.

### DUES:

Executive Member . \$800 annually  
General Member . . \$200 annually  
Associate Member . \$100 annually

\$150

## Past & Present

Originally organized in the 1950s when the State Water Plan was being prepared, this Association worked with the Department of Water Resources to identify water needs and plans for water development in mountain counties. In 1979, with the State Water Plan stalemated and water development failing to match the growth taking place, the Association was reorganized to represent the counties-of-origin in gaining water rights protection and development.

It is widely accepted that California has sufficient water available to meet the needs of the entire state, and that most of that water occurs in the mountainous regions of Northern and Central California and is imported by the San Joaquin Valley and Southern California. Less recognized is that the counties-of-origin from which that water is taken need to be assured of cooperation in developing water for their own needs before more water is exported elsewhere. With that understanding, however, the Mountain Counties Water Resources Association stands ready to work with all areas of the state to achieve a dependable water supply for all California.

We are not alone in our concern for protecting and developing our water with a view to our future needs. The counties of Northern California, also, have banded together in the North State Water Association, many of whose aims are similar to MCWRA's. Working together in many instances, the two organizations have been able to speak with a clearer voice to the Legislature and State water interests.